CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A finger ring interconnected to a pick in combination for playing a musical instrument comprising: a finger ring which defines a finger-receiving receptacle there through; a tether having a first end and a second end; and a pick; said first end being removably attached by a first attachment means onto said finger ring, and said second end being removably attached onto said pick by a second attachment means onto said pick, comprising: said second end is attached onto a fastening pad, said fastening pad having a first side and a second side, said first side having a removable adhesive strip which when removed leaves an adhesive residue thereon for attaching said fastening pad onto a corner of said pick,

whereby:

said finger ring, said pick, and said tether are interconnected yet removably attached together.

- (original) The finger ring interconnected to a pick of claim 1 wherein said finger ring is adjustable in size.
- 3. (original) The finger ring interconnected to a pick of claim 1 wherein said tether is made from either; fishing line, cloth, string, elastic, rubber, wire, or plastic.
- 4. (original) The finger ring interconnected to a pick of claim 1 wherein said first attachment means comprising: said first end having an opening for slidably receiving said finger ring there through.

- (original) The finger ring interconnected to a pick of claim 1 wherein said first attachment means comprising: said first end being manually tied onto said finger ring.
- 6. (currently amended) A finger ring interconnected to a pick in combination for playing a musical instrument comprising: a finger ring which defines a finger-receiving receptacle there through; a tether having a first end and a second end; and a pick; said first end being removably attached by a first attachment means onto said finger ring and said second end being removably attached by a second attachment means onto said pick.) The finger ring interconnected to a pick of claim 1 wherein said second attachment means comprising: said second end being attached onto a gripping member, said gripping member having an internal triangular shaped recess, and said internal triangular shaped recess being of a shape and size to mate with a corner of said pick;
- 7. (canceled)
- 8. (currently amended) The finger ring interconnected to a pick of claim 71 wherein said fastening pad is butterfly shaped providing a first wing and a second wing;

whereby:

when said adhesive strip is removed and said corner of said pick is positioned in between each said wing with said first wing being folded over onto said corner of said pick and said second wing, said pick is held there between in a secure manner by said fastening pad and said residue.

9. (original) The finger ring interconnected to a pick of claim 1 wherein said first attachment means comprising: said tether further includes a central area, a first

intermediate area and a second intermediate area, said first intermediate area being located between said first end and said central area, said first intermediate area having a first fastener thereon, said first end after being inserted into and throughout said finger-receiving receptacle forms a loop for attaching said finger ring thereon, and said first end is secured in place by said first end being slidably engaged within said first fastener.

- 10. (currently amended) A finger ring interconnected to a pick in combination for playing a musical instrument comprising: a finger ring which defines a fingerreceiving receptacle there through; a tether having a first end and a second end; and a pick; said first end being removably attached by a first attachment means onto said finger ring and said second end being removably attached by a second attachment means onto said pick.) The finger ring interconnected to a pick of claim 1 wherein The finger ring interconnected to a pick of claim 1 wherein said second attachment means comprising: said tether further includes a central area, a first intermediate area and a second intermediate area, said second intermediate area being located between said second end and said central area, said second intermediate area having a second fastener thereon, said second end after being inserted into and throughout an aperture provided on said pick forms a loop for attaching said pick thereon, and said second end is secured in place by said second end being slidably engaged within said second fastener, thus said tether is variably adjustable in length.
- 11. (original) The finger ring interconnected to a pick of claim 1 wherein said tether further includes a magnet thereon;

whereby:

said magnet allows a user to magnetically attach said finger ring interconnected to a pick onto a metallic surface for storage purposes when not in use.

12. (original) The finger ring interconnected to a pick of claim 1 further includes said tether being retractable within said finger ring between a retracted position and a non-retracted position;

whereby:

in use the user pulls said tether until said tether is the desired length, said tether when manually released automatically assumes a locked nonretracted position,

whereby:

thereafter, when said user initiates a gentle tug on said tether, said tether is automatically released and assumes said retracted position.